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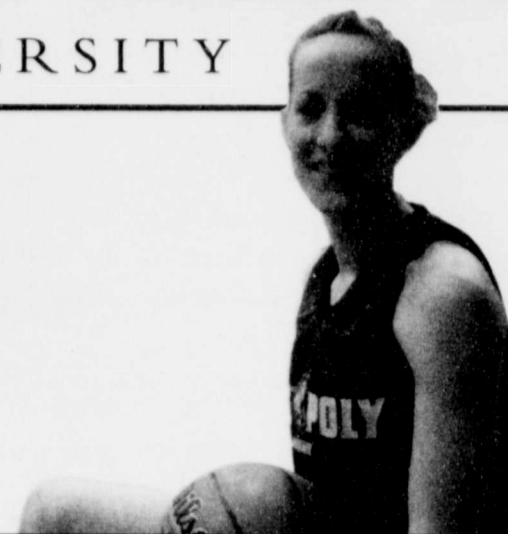


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Jerusalem Post journalist discusses issues in the Middle East

Holly Burke
MUSTANG DAILY

The experience of a journalist working in one of the most conflicted regions of the world is unusual. It is even more rare when that journalist is both Israeli and Arab, and writes for a Hebrew paper.

Monday night, Khaled Abu Toameh, editor of Palestinian affairs for the Jerusalem Post, spoke to over 100 students and members of the surrounding community about his work through his unique position.

Toameh, the son of a Palestinian father and an Israeli mother, was born in Tulkarem, Palestine. Though he is Muslim, he was educated in a Hebrew school.

Toameh went on to write for the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO), though he makes it clear he was never a member and was not affiliated with them. Feeling stifled by the authority's control over the media, Toameh went to work for Israeli and foreign news outlets.

In 1988, he became a producer for NBC News' coverage of Palestine, and soon after, he began writing for a Hebrew paper, where he became the only Palestinian writing about Palestinian issues in Hebrew. His friends wondered what was wrong with him.

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—Khaled Abu Toameh
editor of Palestinian affairs for the Jerusalem Post

"As a journalist, I don't have a problem writing for any paper," Toameh said in his speech.

Toameh found many of his colleagues being placed behind bars, being beat up and having their offices torched. The independent

Palestinian journalists had offended the region's powerful PLO.

"We still don't have a free media," he said. "We didn't have one in the '70s, not in the '80s, and we still don't have one in 2006."

Toameh went on to discuss current issues of the region, such as Mahmoud Abbas' succession of Yasser Arafat and Hamas, a violent Islamic resistance movement.

"(Abbas) ran on the platform 'Vote for me and end anarchy, vote for me and dismantle Hamas ...,'" Toameh said.

Though Abbas promised stability and reform for the region, little

has changed.

"Nothing has changed. It is the presence of dictatorships that drive people into the arms of Hamas," he said.

Those attending had many questions for Toameh. Most pressing were questions regarding the future of the region.

"(Palestinians) need to build a proper institution where Arafat failed. We are all suffering the results of the peace process," he said.

Toameh also explained the problem with physically dividing a nation where Arabs and Jews live so closely together. He explained that they live beside each other and on top of one

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TRAVEL

From Anchorage to Whittier: An Insider's Guide

Kristen Oato
MUSTANG DAILY

Looking up from the mudflats, all I could see were wet, moss-covered boulders. I knew the view from the top was worth the trek. Salty air flushed

myself over the last hurdle, I looked out into the water. Out of breath, I

MUSTANGDAILY TRAVEL SERIES

This is the second story in a week-long travel series.



Views of the Kenai Peninsula can be seen from Alaska's Seward Highway. The road stretches 120 miles from Anchorage to Seward.

watched in awe as a pod of beluga whales flung themselves out of the sea, breaching high into the air.

Beluga Point remains one of my favorite spots to experience the beauty of Alaska during trips down the Seward Highway. Growing up in Anchorage, I quickly learned to appreciate the unique characteristics of the state. Maybe it's witnessing the brilliant

midnight dance of the Northern Lights on a crisp night, or enduring the endless winters that are often too cold to snow — whatever the reason, most native Alaskans develop

a fierce sense of pride for their beloved 49th state.

Thrill seekers, sightseers and outdoor enthusiasts travel from all over the world to experience the beauty and wonder of the country's largest

state. However, the key to taking in the "real" Alaska is to travel like a native, and take time to enjoy the trip.

A favorite activity for my family is taking day-trips South to our cabin in Girdwood. While some prefer to keep their eyes on the road, we usually take the time to pull off to the side and experience nature.

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Most visitors begin their journey by flying to the largest city, Anchorage. With roughly 300,000 residents, Anchorage makes up 42 percent of the population. From

airplane windows, views of green peaks and valleys from the six surrounding mountain ranges can be seen from the sky on clear summer days. Upon landing, one of the first sights to take in is the tip of Mount McKinley jutting up in the horizon. Measuring a massive 20,320 feet, the summit of the mountain is the tallest in all of North America.

Sightseers quickly learn the first place to visit is Anchorage's historic downtown. Many of the older buildings withstood the 1964 earthquake, which registered a 9.2 on the Richter scale and was the strongest quake

ever measured in North America.

If hunger strikes while meandering downtown, residents bypass the Starbucks and head to Snow City Café. The restaurant is an insider's gem and a hometown favorite.

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Alaska

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Hipster-granola décor keeps with the feel of rugged, outdoor Alaska. Handmade crafts, flyers for local bands and skiing brands abound. Just make sure to wear jeans while munching on the stuffed French toast or salmon cakes with eggs.

Mile 15

Although the expansive views of Cook Inlet are worth noticing on the right when heading out of Anchorage, birdwatchers should take note of the grassy wetlands to the left of the highway. In the daytime fog lifts from Potter's Marsh, revealing a boardwalk where views can point out waterfowl. Migrant grebes, geese, gull, blackbirds and more inhabit the area.

Those who have their fill of birds enjoy another local animal-watching location, Beluga Point. Five miles down the highway from Potter's Marsh, Beluga Point is a rock formation jutting out into the Turnagain Arm. Visitors can take turns spotting

killer whales hunting belugas, or belugas chasing red salmon from the expansive, panoramic view.

To the left of the point is McHugh Creek. While most visitors stop to marvel at the 70-foot waterfall enshrouded by lush spruce trees, few park to hike the backwoods trail. The path twists upward, and the view from cliffs 3,000 feet above the highway frequently showcases a passing train from the Alaska Railroad or windsurfers across the way.

Mile 40

Continuing on, the highway stretches in smooth curves, following the edge of the Turnagain Arm. Rounding the corner is Windy Point, a popular location to park and sightsee. Jagged cliffs to the left tower over the road and craning necks can spot a few Dall sheep that stand precariously on the rocks above. The white specks of sheep blend in easily with dollops of snow that remain on the cliffs year-round.

During the winter months, this stretch of road is actually known for its dangerous avalanches. Pouring shoots of snow and ice slide down

the cliffs, often bringing down trees and rocks. In the summer, the only evidence left behind are a few trickling waterfalls.

At mile 45, the turnoff for Girdwood appears on the right in the form of a rough dirt road. The wise will stop at the gas station here, because next doesn't appear for another 90 miles. Before Alaska became a state years ago, Girdwood was known as a small gold-mining community. Nowadays skiers and snowboarders come to conquer Mount Alyeska at the town's ski resort. The small backcountry is dotted with log cabins, and wandering moose can be seen out the living room windows.

For the best lunch, forgo the upscale restaurant at the Alyeska Prince Hotel, and head to the Bake Shop. Another local favorite, the Bake Shop serves breakfast and lunch, along with rich homemade hot chocolate. If skipping dessert is not an option, walk over to the Ice Cream Shop and try one of the many flavors offered.

Mile 55

After leaving Girdwood, the highway takes a turn away from the cliffs

to Portage Glacier. Careful observers can see a weathered, grey horse stable and cabin sunken into the ground that remain from the 1964 earthquake. Surrounding hidden campsites are located throughout the area. The grounds are usually not crowded and the sites are bordered by mountains.

Driving inland, Portage Glacier is in danger of receding into the lake it created. Although only a fraction can be seen above the water, the glacier extends down into the water 100 feet. The Begich, Boggs Visitor Center offers a boat tour of the glaciers and allows guests to actually climb onto some of the ice formations.

Wildlife, day cruises, sea kayaking and fishing hot spots all draw visitors to the small town of Whittier. In order to reach the community, travelers must pass through a 2.5 mile tunnel, the longest vehicle-railroad tunnel in North America. In a unique operation, the tunnel operates in 15 min. intervals. Cars and trains must wait in a staging area and are then allowed 5 minutes to pass through to the other side.

From here, you can choose to turn around or the adventurous may desire to continue down along the highway to Seward and Kenai Fjords National Park. In the summer the sun rarely sets before midnight, creating endless summer days to enjoy the outdoors even longer. Just make sure to stop and take in the little sights wherever your journey takes you.

Journalist

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another, that the result of a fence leaves everyone feeling trapped.

"(Toameh) was actually one of the best speakers Hillel has brought (to Cal Poly)," said Omid Haghighat, a philosophy senior. "He was completely unbiased and was not trying to push an agenda. Though, the audience seemed to have lost the point of his speech."

"Students at Cal Poly are fortunate to hear a journalist of this quality," said Samuel Vengrinovich, a public policy graduate student. "(Toameh) gave a deep and through analysis most people don't get from just reading newspapers."

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The Face of



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If You Could ...

— wear any shirt with a phrase on it, what would it be?
Explain to me why I need a boyfriend.

— meet any person in history, who would it be?
Bob Marley.

Other

— worst part about living in San Luis Obispo?
Dealing with people who don't know how to drive.

WHO SAID THAT?

A preoccupation with the future not only prevents us from seeing the present as it is but often prompts us to rearrange the past.

— Eric Hoffer (1902 - 1983), "The Passionate State of Mind," 1954

If life was fair, Elvis would be alive and all the impersonators would be dead.

— Johnny Carson

Wordly Wise

Spoony: Foolishly or sentimentally in love.

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Briefs

State

SALINAS (AP) — Two kids were allegedly told by their mom to shoplift.

Police said Gloria Arroyo, 36, told her 12-year-old daughter and 9-year-old son to shoplift jewelry at the Macy's department store on Sunday at the Northridge Mall. Cmdr. Dan Perez said the woman told the kids she needed money to pay her rent.

Mall security officers spotted Arroyo pointing out the jewelry she wanted to the children, who had more than \$600 worth of stolen jewelry in their backpacks, Perez said.

National

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — A federal judge ruled Tuesday that confessed al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui will not be in the courtroom for jury selection at his upcoming death-penalty trial, after Moussaoui again defied the judge at a pre-trial hearing. U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema said her main reason for holding Tuesday's hearing was to determine "how Mr. Moussaoui plans to behave ... whether (he) plans to remain quiet ... or whether (he) plan to make speeches."

International

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP) — Thousands rampaged through two cities Tuesday in Pakistan's worst violence against Prophet Muhammad caricatures, burning buildings housing a hotel, banks and a KFC, vandalizing a Citibank and breaking windows at a Holiday Inn and a Pizza Hut. At least two people were killed in Lahore, where intelligence officials suspected outlawed Islamic militant groups incited the violence to undermine President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's U.S.-allied government.

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Saddam, co-defendants say they are on hunger strike, but trial presses ahead

Hamza Hendawi
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — After shouts, insults, arguments and walkouts, Saddam Hussein and three of his co-defendants unveiled a new show-stealing tactic Tuesday: They announced in court that they had gone on a hunger strike.

Saddam said the strike was called to protest the tough way Chief Judge Raouf Abdel-Rahman has conducted the court since he took over last month.

"For three days we have been holding a hunger strike protesting against your way of treating us — against you and your masters," the former Iraqi leader said. Their claims could not be independently confirmed.

Abdel-Rahman has tried to impose order in a court where outbursts and abuse, mostly by Saddam and his former intelligence chief and half brother Barzan Ibrahim, have often overshadowed the proceedings. The disruptions led to criticism of Abdel-Rahman's predecessor, fellow Kurd



Former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein addresses the court of the Iraqi High Tribunal during proceedings inside the heavily fortified Green Zone in Baghdad, Iraq on Tuesday.

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Rizgar Mohammed Amin, for not doing enough to rein in the brothers.

But after a short period of shouting and verbal abuse at the start of Tuesday's session, the court was calm as prosecutors tried for a second consecutive day to build their case of the ousted president's direct role in execu-

tions and imprisonment of hundreds of Shiites in the 1980s.

A key document presented to the court allegedly showed that Saddam approved rewards for intelligence agents involved in the crackdown against residents of Dujail, a mainly Shiite town north of Baghdad, fol-

lowing a 1982 assassination attempt against him there.

If convicted in the killing of nearly 150 Shiites from Dujail, Saddam and his seven co-defendants could face death by hanging.

Ibrahim spoke at length, denying he had any part in the crackdown and

insisting he personally released detainees.

He spoke from the defendants' pen, again wearing only his pajamas in protest at being forced to attend the trial. But his orderly arguments represented the first time any of the defendants have dealt at length with the charges they face, and his participation could boost the legitimacy of a tribunal whose fairness some have questioned.

Judge Raid Juhi, a court spokesman who investigated the Dujail case, told reporters of Ibrahim's attire: "You must have noticed that all the defendants wore appropriate attire. Defendant Barzan (Ibrahim) wore what he thought was appropriate."

After nearly three hours of testimony, Abdel-Rahman adjourned the trial until Feb. 28.

The day's session began with Saddam entering and shouting his support for Iraqi insurgents. "Long live the mujahedeen!" he yelled. Later, during the testimony, he shouted, "I say to all Iraqis, fight and liberate your country!"

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Conan O'Brien met with Finnish president

Matti Huuhtanen
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HELSINKI, Finland — Conan O'Brien finally met his match.

The "Late Night" jokester, who ran a mock ad campaign endorsing the re-election of Finnish President Tarja Halonen — because of her strong resemblance to him, red hair and all — had a face-to-face meeting with her Tuesday at the presidential palace in downtown Helsinki.

O'Brien handed the Nordic country's first female president a box of chocolates in the shape of a red heart as they posed for photographers before their 15-minute meeting. Halonen gave him Finnish troll dolls to take home.

Last year, O'Brien caused a political stir when, based on their resemblance, he endorsed the 62-year-old Halonen for a second six-year term — which she won last month. His mock ads not only backed Halonen but also attacked her opponents.

O'Brien, who had earlier jokingly demanded a six-hour audience, said he wasn't disappointed.

"Someone like me knows he's lucky to get 15 minutes," O'Brien said, adding that the meeting was "very, very nice."

"It's not every day I get to meet the president of a country," O'Brien said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

On his arrival Saturday, O'Brien quipped that he expected to be rewarded for endorsing Halonen with a Cabinet position as inspector of saunas, "mostly women's saunas," but the issue was not discussed in the meeting.

"I was hoping very much to get a Cabinet position because I very much need the money, but she has invited me to come and visit her with my family," O'Brien said.

On Saturday, some 2,000 fans waited hours in subfreezing temperatures to catch a glimpse of the quirky, self-deprecating TV host, whose show is unusually popular in this taciturn nation of 5 million on the northern fringe of Europe.

Finns are very aware of their image abroad, and when O'Brien poked fun at the small country, he was overwhelmed by cards and mail.

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'MAN AND NATURE'

The gross heathenism of civilization has generally destroyed nature, and poetry, and all that is spiritual.

—John Muir

naturalist, writer and conservationist



MICHAEL MULLADY MUSTANG DAILY

Editor's note: 'WIDE angle' is a photo commentary by Michael Mullady.

While fewer places today still possess the untainted energy that once thrived in these regions, finding retreats from pavement, electronics and everything our society values is growing evermore complicated.

With the population on the rise and upcoming generations being raised to appreciate material possessions, it seems the simple things in life are being erased.

It amazes me how many people I have met at Cal Poly who have never hiked Bishop Peak. Here we are in a beautiful place, with numerous spiritual and physical retreats, and yet most people would still prefer running on a treadmill or hanging out downtown. Why more people today are losing touch with traditional values is a question I have lost hope in an answer for. As long as I never have to see the downfall of state and national parks, my feelings will stay suppressed.

I consider myself fortunate to have the state of mind, that today's society would label "unconventional." Being of American Indian decent, I have always possessed a spiritual connection, understanding and appreciation of all things

natural. Some of my fondest childhood memories are from when I was hitched to my father's backpack and we trekked through the Sierras. It was those early camping trips were I started to truly realize what John Muir, my parents and others among this rare breed had found so much joy in.

Throughout my life I have consistently practiced pure athleticism incorporated with a natural medium. Through forms of expression such as surfing, rock climbing and backpacking I satisfied my mental and physical needs, and more importantly, a spiritual connection. In my many moments of pure tranquility I often find myself feeling that if everybody could experience this connection for himself or herself, our society would greatly benefit.

As an avid outdoorsman and photojournalist, I remain in a quest for images that capture the connection of man and nature from a unique perspective. Here, my friend Jeremy Heller is seen climbing one of many boulders at Bishops Peak.

As John Muir once said, "Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul."

THE ART BEAT

film, art, music and everything in between

Talking bollocks with The Prodigy

He's got devil-horn hair, two pounds of eyeliner, and the harshest howl in electronica — but it turns out the scariest thing about The Prodigy's frontman is his accent.

Keith Flint, along with Liam Howlett (keyboards) and Maxim Reality (vocals), pushed techno dance music into the mainstream pulse in the early '90s. Their popular singles "Firestarter," "Breathe," and "Smack My Bitch Up" established them as the most successful electronica band in their native England, and eventually far beyond. Originally known for their punk politics as much as their incendiary beats — they were living, smashing representatives of the controversial London rave scene, and their explicit videos were often banned from MTV. The Prodigy is celebrating their 15th anniversary with the release of "Their Law — The Singles 1990-2005." The greatest-hits compilation is, as Pitchfork angelically put it, "All killer, no filler," and an extensive look back at the band's globally domineering sound.

The Prodigy is still every bit as explosive today. The Art Beat chatted, via phone, with Flint in London last Friday — and maybe it was the distance, but not everything translated across the pond. The man known for his terrifying stage dominance and angry rasps proved gracious and friendly offstage, but he also had a largely indecipherable Cockney accent that left this reporter baffled. One shaky interview start later (apparently, he didn't say "I'm on a train" as interpreted, so the first question led to great mutual confusion), we chatted



STACEY ANDERSON
SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

about the British rave scene, new releases and fights with Madonna. British people rule!

Art Beat: So you're touring Japan soon, right?

Keith Flint: Tomorrow, yeah.

AB: Is that hard to prepare for?

KF: Oh no, not at all. I don't prepare for nothing. I just grab my stuff and if I've forgotten anything, it stays here. I'm just taking me stride, really. The only thing I do is try to stay fit for the gigs, you know, so I can party a bit and still do my shows without anyone down [indecipherable] and shoddy. That's what I do, really.

AB: Are tours pretty wild with The Prodigy?

KF: Oh, sometimes. Yeah, in 15 years, you know, there's been proper madness, in its time, you know.

AB: You've got a hell of a stage presence, too.

KF: Aww, thanks, that's really cool. It's easy when the shows are good and the people are there, really, I find it quite easy. It's fuckin' what I do. [indecipherable]

AB: So The Prodigy started at a

rave called Raindance, right?

KF: Oh yeah. Well, we started at Labyrinth [another London rave], to tell you the truth. Raindance was one of the first — a big outdoor event. We loved it. It was mega. We were from that scene, and there every week. Times like that are priceless, but times like that are gone — too much police.

AB: Are raves still big in London?

KF: No, not at all. If I wanted to go this weekend, I wouldn't know where or when or how. For me, that was the ultimate defining scene, so I find it hard to find that bub again for myself. [indecipherable] We were so lawless when we were goin' out, so really we were doing something out there. But now it's like a big nightclub in a field.

AB: That's interesting. So how do you guys create songs? For the last album, Liam presented it to you and Maxim pretty complete, is that right?

KF: Yeah, we were on the innny and [completely bloody indecipherable]. We knew what it was sounding like, what direction it was going in. We had our parts to play when the stage came along, and we were so waiting to get out there and start doing the shows again. We were just so proud of it.

AB: Do you have a favorite Prodigy song to perform?

KF: "Spitfire" — that slams. That just lights up the place anyway. It's like nothing else. I love it. Mega.

AB: You guys have been together for 15 years. When was the moment when you thought, "We've made it!"?

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"I don't care, I'm gonna corrupt her anyway"

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ASI draws students backstage

It's tough being a student these days. We've got midterms and quizzes to study for; readings and homework to finish; fees, parking permits and textbooks to pay for; and then we've got to search for a parking space or hope to get a seat on the bus. With all these things to worry about, it's a good thing that ASI student government is working full time on your behalf. We've got over 60 dedicated students in and out of the office every day working to improve life on campus for all of you.

If you are curious what we've been up to, or would like to know what is in store for Cal Poly's future, then don't miss our 5th annual State of the Student Address. On Thursday Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium we will provide students with a first-hand look at how we're improving our campus on day at a time. We are also honored to include Cal Poly President Dr. Warren J. Baker as a featured guest for the evening to speak about how Cal

Poly is preparing the leaders of tomorrow and building a university capable of meeting the demands of the 21st century.

Students attending the event will come away knowing more about how ASI is working on improving transportation issues, club services, ASI facilities and how we're planning to include a broader mix of students in the future of ASI leadership. If you've ever wondered what goes on in

the university outside of the classroom, this is your chance to find out. The event also provides an incredible opportunity for students to meet university administrators, city officials and student leaders. It's a one of a kind opportunity brought to you by ASI. We hope to see you there!

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COMMENTARY

Living in a generation of apathy

Hanna Bush

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Laranie, WY — On May 4, 1970, students on the Kent State University campus gathered to protest the bombing of Cambodia, an action undertaken by President Nixon that expanded the Vietnam War. None of the protesters were armed or considered dangerous. Yet despite this, by the end of the day, National Guardsmen had bayoneted a disabled veteran and fired upon the crowd, hitting thirteen students and killing four. These were not the only protester casualties during the years of the Vietnam disaster. But for every one who was harmed, a thousand others stayed standing, their voices rising over the cruelty and injustice. These protests played a huge role in finally opening Americans' eyes and eventually ending the bloodshed.

While I would never want to witness similar tragedies on college campuses today, I have to decry the lack of any demonstrations at all. It is difficult to understand where the

social indignation of that time has gone. For now, instead of righteous anger, we have ridiculous apathy.

With six letters and three syllables, apathy is a small word. However, for such a small

word, a heavy blow comes inherently attached to its use. It is for this reason, and none other, that I choose to use this word to describe our generation. In short, there is no word more appropriate. As with any description so broad, this is of course a vast over-generalization. However, in this digital age of numbing distractions and media dishonesty, the vast majority of our nation's youth either has no idea what's really going on ... and they couldn't care less.

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The majority of students on this campus would have something to say about which band should come to play here. But where are these strong voices when someone trying

to pass off religion as science comes to speak? Where is the unity of spirit when the vice president visits and we have a chance to tell him how angry we are for the injustices and lies for which the present administration is responsible? From the perspective of a Vietnam protester who spent his youth fighting against the wrongs in the world, our generation must be seen as lazy and shallow. In fact, it has been said that we are America's greatest disappointment; we have the opportunity to make waves, but instead we sit quietly and pretend not to see or hear anything. We are obsessed with celebrities, money and sex. We're viewed as superficial, vapid and idle, thinking only what we are told to or not thinking at all.

One of the things about our generation of which I am most proud is our willingness to volunteer. We volunteer in greater numbers than any previous generation in the United States. We volunteer to help out at soup kitchens, to raise money for victims of natural disasters, to col-

lect winter coats for those in need, etc. In fact, more than 60 percent of college freshman polled believe that helping others less fortunate is vitally important. What is confusing is why that same social conscience doesn't translate into more concern about the direction our country is taking.

To think of what our generation could accomplish if we began to voice our opinions like those who came before us is striking. If we pooled our efforts and rose against the injustices being suffered in our world, we could have an enormous impact. The atrocities of places like Darfur could be a distant nightmare of the past instead of a lurid reality of today. It's time to escape the apathy we've inherited. Don't negate the revolutionaries whose sacrifices changed the world; remember their voices while you raise your own.

Got something to say?





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Prodigy

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KF: Oh, we haven't reached that moment yet.

AB: Come on, really?

KF: Well, I mean, the band started getting bigger, and we didn't owe money anymore, and we were makin' money. I thought we'd made it when we walked onstage at Raindance — months before, I'd went and bought a ticket for it, then there I was onstage. We're aware of what we do, what we do well, and what's happening, but it's not something we really think about.

AB: Are you excited about the release of your singles record, "Their Law?"

KF: Yeah, you know, it's doing really well for us. We're happy.

[indecipherable] We made it as good as we possibly could, and it worked out this way. We're looking forward to the next album. We're hungry for it and it's going to be best as we can do, and what The Prodigy is known for. Just beats, high-energy music that's got an attitude, and venom.

AB: It seems like in America, anyway, dance music is evolving more popularly to DJs now. So what do you think about the rise of DJs performing live?

KF: To each their own, you know. They might be enjoying themselves, but the scene won't survive on DJs alone. You've gotta have people's faces, people carrying it with attitude. DJs just play someone else's records, and that's it. They're respected and the kids love them, so who am I to say they shouldn't, but ... We need bands. Kids with fire.

AB: Right. Going back in the past a little, you guys signed to Madonna's label (Maverick) and then refused to remix her song. That's so punk.

KF: (laughs) Oh, I don't know about that, but we'll never do anything we can't stand by if it doesn't feel like the right thing at the time, whether it's a paycheck or someone's name attached to it. If it ain't The Prodigy, they get rebuffed when they try that.

AB: Anything else you'd like to say?

KF: Oh ... just that we're coming to rock it, and bring the venom. Bring the energy and we'll be there. And I look forward to it, you know. I really do.

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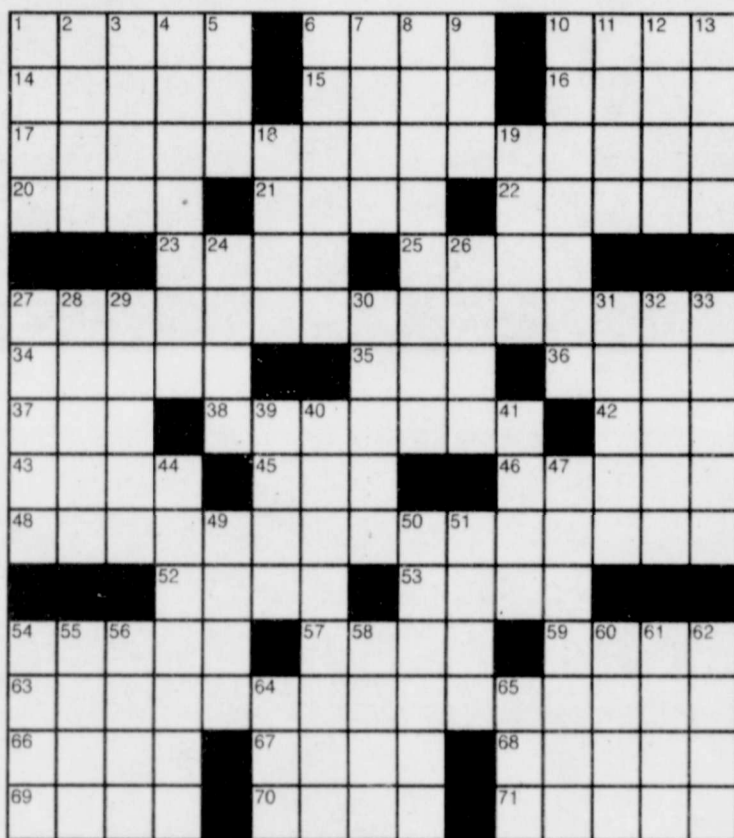
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54 Optometrist's field
57 Part of a casa
59 Pro's rival
63 Classic novel, following "A," with a literal hint to 17-, 27- and 48-Across
66 Food thickener
67 Swabbies
68 Stick-on
69 Portend
70 Prohibitionists

- 71 Fred's dancing sister

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2 Middle of Q.E.D.
3 Yuri's love, in "Doctor Zhivago"
4 Slanted writing
5 Illiterates' signatures
6 Drawer
7 Waiter's after-dinner offerings
8 6-Down purchase
9 Dir. from Columbus, Ga., to Columbus, Ohio
10 "Listen" without hearing
11 Opposite of gush
12 "Miss ____ Regrets"
13 Plates
18 Bypass
19 Result of an insect bite
24 Courted ... or used the courts
26 Nautilus captain
27 V.I.P.
28 Olds offering
29 Perjury
30 Bandleader Shaw
31 Golfer's wear
32 Isabella, por ejemplo
33 Barely beat



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41 Bluefin or yellowfin
44 "What'd I tell ya?"
47 Like many family flicks
49 Fictional dog from Kansas
50 "I didn't care about that anyway"
51 Apple of many colors
54 Wild guess
55 Moor's betrayer
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Cal Poly travels to rival UCSB

Chaz Thomas and the Mustangs travel to UC Santa Barbara for a Big West game tonight at 7 p.m. Cal Poly won the previous game between the two and is currently third in the conference at 5-4. The Gauchos are 3-6 and in sixth place going into tonight's game and have won three straight.

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Frankly Speaking



Frank Stranzl
SPORTS EDITOR

Stop the presses! You had better grab a seat for this one — the United States upset — gasp! — that's right they upset the defending gold medalists, Norway, in curling!

Did I read it in *Obscure Sports Quarterly*? Maybe on ESPN8 "The Ocho"? No, it was at good old NBCOlympics.com where I discovered this tidbit of Olympic history.

Al Michaels might not have been rink-side for this one, but I'm sure he can hardly hold back the excitement. I can see it now; as Shawn Rojeski conducts a perfect three-stone knockout ... "Do you believe in miracles? YES!" as a Norwegian stone clanks away from the middle target. Then the crowd goes wild.

It's pandemonium! We beat those dastardly and elusive Norwegians in what could come to be known as "The Miracle On Ice: Part II."

In fact, not only was the U.S. team victorious, but they literally beat the Norwegians into submission. A curling match lasts 10 frames, but, realizing the upset was imminent, the Norwegians conceded in the eighth frame.

This shake-up on the international curling scene will surely become an instant classic. It will undoubtedly be called upon as an inspirational moment in American Olympic history, just like the Lake Placid version of "Miracle on Ice."

The similarities to the 1980 Olympics are impeccable. The rivalry even had a history. The Norwegians defeated Uncle Sam twice at the world championships last year, the second of which eliminated the U.S. from medal contention.

Those two losses are in the past now. America: Curling conquerors.

In reality, this upset is no more meaningful than the Tampa Bay Devil Rays winning a game against the New York Yankees. Upsets are as frequent in curling as they are in baseball, according to the article at NBCOlympics.com.

Nonetheless, it is curling ... so I felt compelled to dedicate this column and a portion of this sports page to this semi-monumental event.

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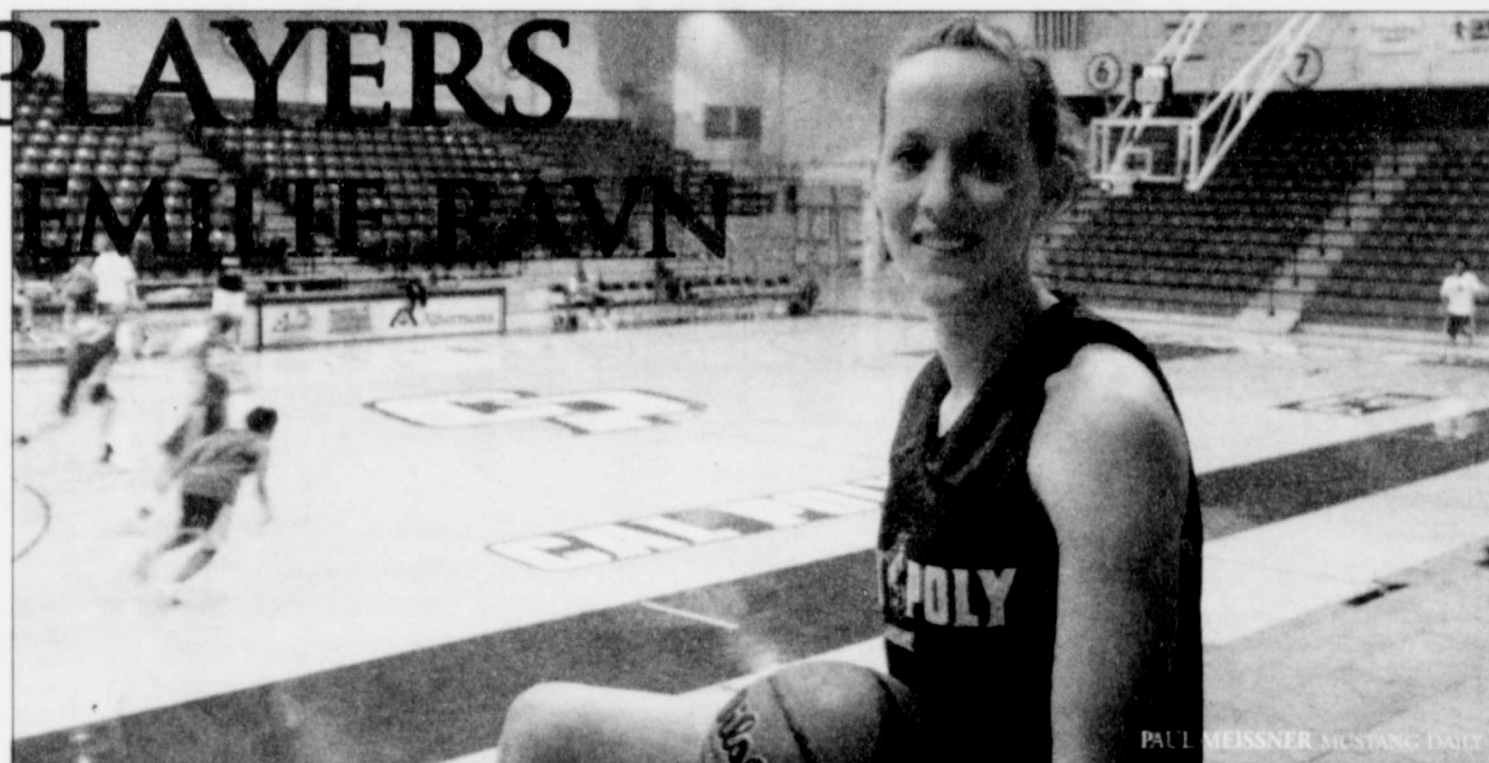
POLY PLAYERS WITH EMILIE RAVN

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Norway is known for its cold and snowy climate, winter sports and scenic splendor — not basketball. But one Cal Poly women's basketball player spent four years in Norway's capital honing her skills with various club teams and eventually the Norwegian National team.

Emilie Ravn, a 6-foot-1-inch junior forward for the Mustangs, moved from the sunny surroundings of Pasadena, Calif. to the glacial atmosphere of Oslo, Norway. Although basketball was hardly on her mind when she made the decision to move to Norway with her mom at the age of 14, Ravn appreciated the social benefits attached to playing the sport.

"Volleyball's not very big over



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there and so I got onto a club basketball team," Ravn said. "That's how I made most of my friends (in Norway)."

Ravn played basketball in middle school prior to the move, but volleyball had been her favorite sport. With a lack of athletic options in Norway, basketball quickly became a huge part of Ravn's life.

With a shy attitude, making friends

on the court was important to Ravn. A language barrier did provide another obstacle, however.

"For the first year I basically didn't say anything to anyone," Ravn said. "There was my family who spoke English, but I didn't really pick up on the language for about six-to-eight months."

In order to play basketball, Ravn had to join a club team. Whereas high

school sports are incredibly popular in the United States, in Norway they don't exist.

Practices were also different, largely in the number of hours Ravn spent on the court. Each morning practice would begin at 8 a.m. and end two hours later.

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